

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/716,474 Confirmation No. 6873  
Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al.  
Filed : November 20, 2003  
Title : A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND  
AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT  
TC/AU : 3689  
Examiner : H.M. Riviere  
Docket No. : KAS-195  
Customer No.: 24956

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2009

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

A **Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time** and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.